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Attention: Federal Resources Office, Room 3500
For Ross A. Chittenden, Division of Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: RURAL (NON-MPO) 2004/05-2006/07 FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 28

We have completed our review of Amendment Number 28 to the non-metropolitan planning organization portion of the 2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). As detailed in the enclosure to your letter dated July 7, 2006, this amendment proposes to modify the Scenic Byways Program grouped project listings in the non-metropolitan planning organization (non-MPO) portion of the FSTIP to include: the Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway Corridor (VLSBC) Corridor Management Plan, the VLSBC Interpretive Plans, and the VLSBC Orientation Stations. The Byway runs through Siskiyou, Shasta, Tehema, Plumas and Lassen Counties. Amendment Number 28 also increases funding from the Federal Transportation Enhancement (TE) program and state funds that are committed to a sidewalk project in the City of Portola in Plumas County.

We accept this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR part 450 and find that the amended FSTIP is based on a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process, and was developed in accord with the Statewide planning provision in 23 U.S.C. 135. The program listing modifications proposed by this FSTIP Amendment are associated with projects that are proposed for implementation in areas of the State of California that are designated as attainment or unclassified for Federal air quality standards, and as a consequence, are not subject to the requirement that a conformity determination be made. These findings have been coordinated with the Region IX office of the Federal Transit Administration. We are approving this amendment to the 2004/05-2006/07 FSTIP for the non-MPO areas of California in accord with the *July 15, 2004, Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval of this FSTIP amendment, please contact Wade Hobbs of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5027, or by e-mail at, wade.hobbs@fhwa.dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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